

PROTECTION OF MINORS OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Process Updates

The Incident Report Form is now live!

Log into the [Youth Protection Portal](#) to complete this form for any incidents occurring during a youth program, including behavioral incidents, contagious illnesses, reports to Police or CPS, medical treatments beyond first aid, vehicle collisions involving minor participants, or other unexpected occurrences or program concerns.



Background Check Funds

If you would like to conduct a youth-serving program but need funding for background checks, please complete [this form](#).

Policy Update

The Safety and Protection of Minors [policy](#) will be undergoing updates this year. Watch for the comment period or contact youth@vcu.edu with questions.

Youth Protection in the News

- Springfield, Mass. has agreed to pay nearly \$15 million to victims abused by a former middle school teacher in 2023. [Source](#)
- Disney will pay \$10 million for violating the COPPA rule by obtaining children's personal data without parental consent. [Source](#)
- Virginia law limits app use to one hour for children under 16 years old. [Source](#)



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